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GREETING! A New Year, and, we trust, a happy, successful year in our Society work, lies just beyond this wonderful portal of JANUARY 1st, 1888. A divine motto for our future inspiration might be these words: "THE LORD THY GOD HATH SET THE LAND BEFORE THEE: GO UP AND POSSESS It." The letters of our own missionaries bear witness to the speedy fulfillment of even this large and glorious promise.

ONE writes: "What a privilege is ours! the very thought takes away all weariness, to help in bringing about in these far off Eastern Lands, a glorious result; to be called to 'drop the living seed into the cleft,' which He shall quicken with dew and rain, till 'temple and mosque shall be rent in twain.'"

MISS HOOK tells us: "Our hope for India centres in our school-girls, the future mothers and mistresses of India's homes. They, with their Bibles and God's spirit following them in answer to the multitude of prayers offered up for them, can regenerate the Empire, and so we labor on in strong faith, even though we do not see them *pressing* into the kingdom."

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

BLESSED RESULTS.

Letters from MRS. PIERSON.

THE annual examination and commencement exercises which took place the last week in April were most satisfactory. Nine of our girls graduated with the highest honors of our institution and the sincere encomiums of the audience. The recitations in the evening programme were faultless; the essays well composed and read; the music excellent.

One of the graduates was married the following week to an Evangelist, and has gone North to proclaim the glad tidings of great joy. Another, who had formerly graduated at the Kobe School and had been with us a year, was employed immediately in a Tokio school. As she was an independent scholar, we had no claim upon her, except that of love, which she and all the members of this Home and school most truly render. The Governor of this Ken has applied to us for a teacher for his wife, and we have consented to provide one who will still reside in the Home and assist in the school. One of our first graduates intends going North to teach in the family of another Governor. It is so important that Christian teachers should be supplied for these places, to the exclusion of such as would not seek to lead souls to Christ. The demand for teachers is frequent and urgent. The applications, also, for admittance into our Home and school, are numerous and constant. Had we received all who desired to enter we should, undoubtedly, number about 300.

At the close of the spring term Mrs. Sharland, who is assisting me, and I, went to Atami for a few days. A very aged woman residing at that place attended my meeting very

regularly. She was seventy-six years old, but her eye was bright and her whole manner pleasing and intelligent. She had formerly been a Buddhist priestess. In a private conversation she informed me that she desired to obtain peace in her heart. I told her of the Blessed Prince of Peace, from whom alone peace is obtained, through faith. She was deeply moved and cried out, "How can I believe? What must I do to believe?"

The natural heart so often desires salvation by works, and is offended at the very simplicity of the way of salvation. I am corresponding with her, and hope that she soon obtain the "peace that passeth all understanding."

MEETINGS OF GRACE.

When our school closed this year I felt so well and strong that I resolved to visit several places to which we had been invited to labor among the women. About a year ago two of my Bible readers were solicited to go to Shirasaka, where they remained six weeks, and, during that time led many precious souls to Jesus. A little company of Christians was thus formed, but, left without a head, except the great and invisible SHEPHERD. They had no public ordinances or means of grace for their progress and development. My heart turned toward that little flock with interest and affection, and, accompanied by two Bible women, I went directly there. The Christians welcomed us with anticipation and pleasure. The summer is a very busy season with the women, who have the care of silk-worms, and often rise at three o'clock in the morning. We remained three weeks, as our work was limited to the evening hours. There was, however, a spirit of opposition to the truth prevailing in that vicinity, and many of the parents excited their children to make great confusion and disturbance, which compelled us to withdraw to inner apartments and close the doors, notwithstanding the intense heat. They succeeded truly in annoying us, but nothing further.

This town is three miles from Shirkana, where there is a little Methodist Church organization, but, also, without a resident pastor. We held meetings there also, and, upon leaving, one of our Bible women remained to carry on the work. The other woman and myself went north, to Ferkushima, staying there five days. There immense audiences gathered every evening when we held our meetings, even far out on the street, but the most profound and respectful silence prevailed throughout the vast crowd. There is a little Union church, now under the care of one of my first scholars, who has consecrated his life and uncommon talents to the Master. He calls me his "mother," and is really my spiritual son. We learned that the local press noticed our meetings, and thus became another instrument in diffusing the glad tidings of great joy.

WELCOME VISITORS.

Letters from MRS. VIELE.

SUMMER and early Fall is usually the time for new missionaries to arrive, and one of our pleasant duties is meeting and welcoming to the field these ambassadors of Christ. Japan has been favored this year by a large increase to the working force of the different missions. We have had the pleasure of a passing visit from Dr. and Mrs. Abel Stevens, of the M. E. Church, whose presence in Japan is a benediction. When we learned that Mrs. Stevens was an old and faithful friend of our Society, and had just come from India and China, where she had visited our work this was an added pleasure, and we felt, on taking her hand just loosed from the grasp of our missionaries, and which would soon clasp the hands of our dear Society ladies in America, that she was a living link between us all. How gladly she will bear testimony to the work being done, through you, by those whom you have sent to the field!

Then, too, we have had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. and

Mrs. Henry Scudder, also friends of our Society, who, after an eventful and useful life in the foreign and home field, have come to join their son and daughter in Japan.

One day last week a bright faced little woman presented herself at my cottage door, introducing herself as Mrs. Rand, from Ponape of the Caroline Islands, who wished to find some of the missionaries. A man of whom she had inquired directed her to our Home. She is one of God's dear children, who count it a joy to labor for Him in these far away islands of the sea, where a mail from home reaches them *once a year!*

Our school has opened full to overflowing this fall and with promise of a good year's work. Mrs. Pierson said, the other day, "It is such a blessing to feel well, and able to work, and to have plenty to do for the Master." We have received many new pupils into the school. As the older ones go out from us, to enter upon their life work, room is made for others.

One of the little girls from the Bonin Islands came a few weeks ago. Such a quaint, unique specimen of small humanity, speaking a jargon of bad English and Spanish. Very bright she is and quite attractive, since her face has lost the sad home-sick expression it wore at first. I see great possibilities of the outgrowth of the graft of this wild olive tree, and I accept it as one of the first fruits of my strange visit to the islands in the sea on my stormy passage out. How the Lord provides for His own work! "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." Only a few days before the child arrived a letter reached me from one of God's dear children in America, saying, "I will support one of the little waifs from the Bonin Islands when she comes."

While I was answering this letter the child was brought in and stood before me in all her island wildness. At once giving her the name of her kind and unknown benefactress, Martha, we welcomed both the child and the name together

as significant of blessing. With several Marys, this is our first Martha, and that she will honor the name I do not doubt, from the decided character she gives promise of possessing. Who will support the other little one when she comes to us?

One of my little girls, who has been with us for two years, brought with her this Fall a younger sister, who is a lovely child. The older one cares for her in many motherly ways, which quite touches my heart.

MEDICAL WORK IN JAPAN.

Letter from DR. ADALINE KELSEY.

TWO years ago I came to this land, and the days have been so full of work that they have flown by; still it seems as though I had just begun my duties.

One of my interesting patients is a little boy of eleven years, an orphan, with no friend able to care for him. He was apprenticed to a box-maker and was taken very ill in April last. A man, poor in this world's goods, but rich in Christian love and faith, took the child to his own house, which consists of one room, and he and his wife have taken care of him. A physician who saw him said he would be a cripple for life, but we have patiently worked over him daily with galvanism and Faradism, and, with God's blessing, the knee is so nearly straight that he can walk with only a slight limp, which we hope, in time, will disappear. While his body has been improving the time has been utilized to teach him, so some little light of truth has been let in on his benighted little soul. When he came here he knew nothing of Christ and His matchless love. It was wonderful how the story of Christ's life on earth took possession of his childish heart. Eagerly he listened and devoured all that was told him, and longed for the hour for his treatment so he could hear more of the blessed Saviour. When

told that Christ healed the incurably sick when here upon earth, he quickly asked, "Oh! is He here now?" as though he would say, "I will find Him and ask Him to make me well."

My two students are my only assistants, and they are also my teachers in the language. They are faithful, earnest Christians and efficient helpers. They are kept so busy with patients they do not get much time to study from books, nor I much time to study the language, but we do what we can. Our work consists largely in visiting the sick poor in their own homes, and this takes much time. The patients are scattered about in villages sometimes several miles apart. It often takes half a day to visit three patients. But our work has been greatly blessed by the Master in many ways, so we have only thanksgiving in our hearts.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

Letter from JANE SHINBORI, a Japanese Bible Reader.

I WAS lead by God to a place called Yokosuka. There were many people there who were seeking the true way and they listened with tearful eyes to the explanations of the Bible. Out of the nine houses where I visited five people have applied for baptism, and four others have not yet confessed their faith, but they will soon become Christians. God's blessing is on Japan now, still we are in great need of workers, so pray that God may send many. There are no female laborers in Yokosuka. On Saturdays we held meetings for the unbelievers and to gather the women in we had a class of fancy work.

I want to be always willing to tell these people of Christ, and to be always on the watch to lead these unbelievers to believe in the only true God, but because my faith is so weak I often cry, "Lord, save me or I perish." Please pray that even I may, by the grace of God, do some good work.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

GRATITUDE.

Letter from Dr. ELIZABETH REIFSNYDER.

October 4th, 1887.—During our vacation I gained steadily and feel very much like work. We have plenty of Dispensary patients, and after three days had ninety-one. How the people found out that we had returned I do not know, as we are in the country. We have a few notices put up, but our patients come from the four corners where they do not see them. An old patient, who is one of the most grateful of women, came simply to see me, and to bring some very beautifully embroidered pen-wipers and several pairs of shoes.

She was in a deplorable state when she came to the Hospital to be operated upon, having been ill seven years, but now she is so well and happy that she cannot thank us enough.

Other patients have been very generous in bringing us fruit which is most acceptable.

TAKE COURAGE.*Letter from Miss McKECHNIE.*

THE school was dismissed for the summer vacation, but before that we celebrated the Lord's Supper. The service was very impressive and the chapel was full. After the service I went among the people, and one young girl who says she believes in Jesus was standing with such a wistful look upon her face I felt impelled to speak to her. I asked her if the next time she would not like to enter the church. Her face brightened, and she said "Good." Standing by was Mrs. Tsang, Dr. Reifsnyder's assistant, who I believe is a Christian, and I asked "How about you, Mrs. Tsang?" and

she answered that she too would be glad. I was surprised, as all her people are heathen, and this confession means a great deal for her.

One of the patients who occupied the "Charlotte Otis Le Roy" bed for a long time, is a constant attendant at the services. While she was ill her little boy came to Sunday-school with hardly enough clothes to cover him. The women in the Hospital made a suit for him, and when he was taken to his mother's bed she looked at him and the big tears gathered in her eyes. Then she put his two hands together and turned him round to thank us. The tears came to my own eyes and I thought how much real happiness was the result of such a little deed of kindness.

We have many interesting incidents in the Dispensary. I have in mind a little boy who came with an old servant to have his eyes attended to, as he was very nearly blind. His mother could not endure to have the child about, and when she did see him she abused him. The old servant had heard of the "foreign doctor," and thought she would see if anything could be done. They have come faithfully and used the medicine Dr. Reifsnyder gave them, and as a result the little fellow is beginning to see, and a happier child could scarcely be found, as his mother is now beginning to treat him better. He can also tell us apart even when we do not speak.

PRESSING WORK.

Letter from MISS ANDREWS.

THE Dispensary work is very large. Dr. Reifsnyder saw one hundred and sixty-six one afternoon. The patients many of them come early in the morning and are obliged to wait until the afternoon. Some come in boats, some on wheelbarrows, fifteen or sixteen miles. The Bible woman preaches to the people in the afternoon while waiting for their turn. I think many believe and then again many accept it as a part of their medical assistance.

SWEET WORDS OF GRATITUDE.

(*Translation of letter written by MRS. TSANG to young ladies of Smith College.*)

TO the society of single women of the great American kingdom, Tsang Tsung Yen writes as follows :

“As a child, I studied books ; when I grew to womanhood, I did the duties pertaining to women, but now, thanks be to God, I have been allowed to assist in the Hospital work for more than two years, and I thank you all, to the greatest extent, that you have furnished means for me to work here. And, again, to God I give thanks, for the great wisdom He has given Dr. Reifsnnyder, to enable her to cure so many sick people, without number. The hospital is in a most flourishing condition. From all the four points of the compass the people come, some 500 li (over 150 miles), and some days 170 and 180 patients. Already this year over 6,000 new patients have been seen. When I came to the hospital I understood very little, but now, thanks to Dr. Reifsnnyder and Miss McKechnie, who have taught me, I am able to assist. At times in the wards with the house patients, after ten A. M. I go into the drug room and ‘make medicines,’ etc. At one P. M. I assist with the daily patients. After the daily patients are all seen I again go up into the wards. I thank God that my health is so much better, and that He has so increased my strength that I am able to do this work. I greatly desire that the Lord will bless you and give you peace. I with my hand write this letter. Peace be unto you. The women associated with me in the Hospital work, both married and single, together with my family, all join in the salutation, Peace be with you.”

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION.

Letter from Miss BRUNTON.

THE school is going on well, for the children are good and obedient. They are very glad to learn anything useful, so I have taught them to re-feet their wool stockings,

and to knit cloth rugs. I would be glad if the dear friends would send out some wool for stockings, and knitting needles. We are anxious the children should be useful.

I was struck by a remark made by Miss McKechnie. "It is time the Chinese converts were made to walk alone, not to be always carried, for they like to have everything done for them." We want our children to do more for themselves, and so Dr. Reifsnnyder asked them to wash their wee pillow cases, handkerchiefs and towels, which quite pleased them.

Our older pupils learn Evidences of Christianity, Scripture Catechism, Life of Christ, Exodus, Old Testament Catechism, Lives of the Apostles, Physiology, Analects of Confucius, reading the Heavenly Road and Pilgrim's Progress, Natural History and Arithmetic. At our last examination six of the pupils played on the organ and sang their hymns well. They also passed very creditably when I examined them in written music.

Could you see these thousands of wretched Chinese, it would make you long to redeem body and soul. I want you all not to be weary in well doing, for when we reach Heaven how sorry it will make us if we have not done what we could in the Master's service.

ON THE WAY.

Letter from DR. MARY GALE.

WE reached Vancouver October 5th, and have met a lady who has just introduced herself as Mrs. Crosby, a Baptist Missionary returning to Ningpo. She knows Dr. Reifsnnyder, and she spoke of the beauty of the Margaret Williamson Hospital. We met delightful Christian people on the journey. As one gentleman expressed it, "How pleasant it is to meet so many who speak the language of Canaan."

One cannot describe the mountains from whose heart we have just emerged. I feel as though there can be nothing more for me to see of majesty and sublimity until I look upon

the face of Him who sits upon the throne and whose power has created these marvels. We were a little late to see the prairies at their best, the grass was quite brown, but even that had a beauty of its own.

When we awoke in the Rocky Mountains it was a never-to-be-forgotten day. Mountain after mountain rose before us capped with snow, their steep sides sometimes bare, sometimes bearing fir trees and cedars almost to their summits, and amid the dark green every now and then would be patches of paler greens and golden yellow. Then there were gorges and cañons, and such rushing torrents and rivers, such depths and heights, such majestic calm and such mad hurry, whiteness on the mountain tops, emerald green on the bosom of the streams, and such darkness in forest glades. Can you see it? An amusing incident has just occurred. A knock at the door, and a young man introduced himself as the editor of the Vancouver local paper. He wished to see Dr. Mary Gale. He was such a bright gentlemanly young fellow, that I did not mind confessing that I was qualified, and intended practicing medicine in China. I suppose I shall be dressed out for the benefit of British Columbia to-morrow.

October 24, 1887.—We are nearing land once more after two weeks and four days of ocean, without sign of life excepting the few birds who have followed the ship all the way from Vancouver, and a single flying fish who last night made us a visit, perhaps attracted by the fire-works which were part of the evening's diversion. There have been quite a company of Missionaries with us. We have had many profitable hours. After breakfast, four or five of us have a little Bible study. We have been trying to analyze the Epistle to the Romans, and have found it as instructive as difficult. Then, while we knit, some one reads, generally from the "Memoirs of Madam Guyon," which has also been a treasury of profitable religious experience. Madam Guyon's high mark of Christian living cannot but be inspiring. In the afternoon I have managed, by a system of persistent isolation, to get two good hours of study.

INDIA—CALCUTTA.

IN GOD IS OUR HOPE.

Letter from Miss Hook.

THERE is in India just now great excitement on the subject of "early marriage." The unhappy case of Rukhmabai, of whom you have doubtless read in the papers, has caused Christian people to discuss the question, whether anything can be done to change the custom. Some think the English government should pass laws to abolish it, as was done in the case of the suttee, and others that the people themselves only can put a stop to it. The Missionary Conference has taken it up warmly, and will doubtless send a petition to the Supreme Government of India. This is a question that very intimately concerns our work, and I would call upon all who read the LINK to take this great evil, under which India groans, to the Throne of Grace, and plead for her deliverance. God's promises are sure, and if His people unite in asking, and cease not to make intercession, we may have the faith to expect that He will effect that which now seems so hopeless a task.

FUTURE TEACHERS.*Letter from Miss Caddy.*

MISS Gardner has asked me to give Bible lessons to her girls at the Orphanage, and I go for two hours every Thursday, and enjoy this time spent directly in the Lord's work. There is much secular work that has to be done in the schools and Zenanas, and though, of course, we do that for the Lord, the hours spent in studying His Word are far the most precious. There are two very large classes in the Orphanage, and it is hard work to get through in two hours. I tell you of the day I visit there that you may help me with

your prayers for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon those girls, that they may be truly converted, and that they may be called of God to the work for which we desire to prepare them. They can influence native minds greatly if they are true followers of Jesus Christ.

Among our scholars there are many who not only think favorably of the Bible, but who believe it, yet they cannot come out on the Lord's side as they are under age, and years before they are considered old enough to choose for themselves, in the matter of religion, their liberty is signed away, and they are bound to a husband. There are two little girls, between six and seven, in the infant class of the Eutally school, who have bright spots of vermillion on their brows, marking them as married ! The subject of early marriage is being very warmly discussed all over India ; let us pray that those who have the power may be led to exercise it aright in doing away with this MONSTER EVIL.

OUR SOCIETY'S MOTTO.

Letter from MISS EASTON.

WHEN I first went into the Zenanas I was expecting some rebuffs and discouragements, but I have found it very different. The people often meet me at the door and invite me in. I generally sing to them, which brings them all about me, and then they usually listen very quietly while I tell them of Jesus and His love for them. There is often a look of great yearning in their faces, and in their earnestness they repeat after me what I have said. I know they must feel their need of Him, and I do so long that they may put out the hand of faith and take Him as their own Saviour. You must not think we are received pleasantly everywhere. I have been in one or two Mohammedan houses where every time the name of Christ was mentioned they would laugh or make some remark among themselves. I always come away, then feeling thankful that

my language is Bengali instead of Hindustani, and that therefore my work will not take me among them.

Anything less than the salvation of souls is to me failure. Life in this country seems such a fearful waste of strength if missing of this one great end. I cannot but think God is waiting to be gracious, and that it must be something wrong in ourselves that is preventing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for which so many earnest prayers are ascending daily. You speak of the necessity of the "courage of faith." I feel it. I often think of Christ's word: "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU."

LOOKING FORWARD.

Letters from MISS GARDNER.

SOMETIMES I cross the street from the Orphanage and go into a lane near by, and sit down in some little mud house for a few minutes, and tell them the message that the Father gives me for them. They are very poor and always glad to see me, when I get a chance to go, and always receive the word pleasantly, sometimes gladly. And so the days go on, every one full; but the service is for Him, and so no matter how weary one may sometimes become, it is sweet to be thus used.

WOMAN'S CONDITION IN INDIA.

There are cases where a woman has much influence with the men of the family, especially when she has lived long enough to be, as it were, the oracle, but in the beginning, the young wife—*IT*, a thing, is about the best description of her. Indeed, that is literally the way in which she is described in sacred books, unless she be fortunate enough to have a son, in which case she is known as his mother. It is sad, but true, that during all her early married life, a woman is usually of not much more consequence in a family than a piece of furniture. After

she has had children and becomes mistress of the house she has some privileges that for years she never dreams of. To a good wife her husband is a god, to whom she bows down and worships.

I am led to this thought in connection with the women of this country by a conversation with my Munshi this morning: an unusually intelligent man, well educated, a tutor in one of the colleges ; but his wife is a mere stick. He has a gentle disposition ; so he is not unkind to her, but simply does not consider her at all ; and how can he ? While he has been out in the world, seeing its ways, reading its books, and getting his mind filled and furnished, she has been shut up in one room, or at the most has had the liberty of two or three in same house ; she never goes out, never sees anybody but her mother-in-law, who is more ignorant and superstitious than she. Until her baby came her life was a burden to her ; now she has him to care for and love, and she is happy, but between husband and wife there is no ground of intercourse. What we need is more consecrated young women from home, to come out, and go in and out among these women, taking to them the work of God, helping them, lifting them up to a higher plane of living, comforting them "with the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." They need just what American women would need under the same circumstances.

Dr. Pierson says : " We have reached the great evangelistic era. *Every* believer must be a preacher, witness, herald. It took a whole Christ to redeem the world, it will take a whole Church, filled with the Holy Ghost, to evangelize it." I wish there could be more preachers, more witnesses, more heralds to proclaim the Word in India ; only they must be filled with the Holy Ghost, or there is not any use in coming.

The difficulties that one has to grapple with in this country, the hardness of heart, the unbelief, the superstition and almost worst of all the *indifference*, often brings one to the end of a day with a weary heart, and the question, What has the day

availed? And it is a comfort to feel that He, whose work it is, is doing it, and will carry it on to perfection, and that He is bringing about results that are not apparent to our eyes. And we know, too, that however small and weak our strength to contend with these obstructions and drawbacks to the reception of the "Word" which we are trying to implant in the hearts of this people, it is *His Word* and must prevail; and, "Though the Moslem's fate and the Buddhist's fears have gloomed their worship this *thousand* years," yet the light of the Word is bound to penetrate the gloom and make through it a highway of holiness. Their blind eyes shall be opened and their deaf ears shall be unstopped. In the meantime as to a hardened people of old it must be ours to give "Line upon line, precept upon precept," until that blessed time, "When the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

THOUGHTS OF HEAVEN.

Letter from MISS HAMILTON, Calcutta.

NOT long ago, one of the little girls in one of my schools went home, after I had been speaking to them of Jesus, and told her people, "God's words are very sweet and the lady's words are very sweet." I had no idea while speaking that one of those little ones could be so impressed, as she does not look more than three.

Some of my Zenana pupils stopped me in the lesson one day to inquire exactly what heaven was like. One of them had said that it was above the skies, and there were shops and market-places there, but to this the other could hardly give faith. Then they wanted to know what their employment would be. One of the women was silent with rapturous thought of that beautiful place we are called to, and the other said repeatedly she would like to go there at once and never come back again to this world. They both seemed contented to hear that our one future employment would be praise to God and Christ.

INDIA—ALLAHABAD.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

*Letter from MISS LATHROP.**(Communicated by Philadelphia Branch.)*

OUR work for women takes us among all classes, not alone into the homes of the respectable and well-to-do native gentleman, but to the mud huts of the poor and degraded and openly sinful who ask our help. One of the latter class we have been able the past week to rescue and sent to a Home at Lucknow; she is a bright, young Mahomedan woman, and we hope she is in earnest in asking for Christian baptism. We will delay until we see how she develops, although we have known her for three years. The Home, at Lucknow, for native women, has in the few years of its existence proved a blessed refuge to many. The lady in charge writes me that the woman seems very promising.

Last Sunday in the Presbyterian Mission Chapel I saw an old pupil of Dr. Duff's baptized. He is a Bengali Mussulman who for these many years has kept the truth hidden in his heart, and now in his old age acknowledges it. His young son received baptism with him. Another baptism has just taken place here under peculiar circumstances. Some years ago a missionary with his wife was itinerating in a new district; in a village where they stopped, an old Brahmin, who had a large family of young girls about him, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc., asked that a girl's school might be opened, and offered a room in his house for it. The lady gladly acceded to his request, and as no better teacher could be found, he was put in charge. The school increased until he could no longer do the work alone, and he called to aid him a Brahmin lad. Of course, the school was visited now and again, and it was proved by examination that the Christian books given were taught; and now the lad, grown to manhood, comes, declaring that the truths he had to teach

those children fastened themselves in his heart, and he wishes to be numbered among Christ's followers. I see the young man daily as he comes to teach a class of men on the place. He seems earnest, and I hope will do good among his own people, when, grown a little stronger in the Christian life, he returns to them.

Some little time ago, we were told that in a large village on the banks of the Jumna there were women and girls wishing to be taught. It was far away, and involved us in long walks through winding lanes and half shoe deep in dirt. We stopped some time to watch the stone-cutters, with their few rude tools, carving pieces for gateways, pillars, temple arches and altars. The appearance of everything was much better than we usually find in entering a village. Large brick houses, freshly whitened, with gardens and imposing gateways, and on the raised verandas groups of well dressed men leisurely smoking their hookas. A woman was watching for us at the entrance of a lane, and took us at first to a house where, on the veranda, soon gathered twenty or more girls wishing to form a school, and a crowd of women and babies were on the edge of the veranda. I had a low camp-stool with me and was very glad to sit after the long walk, but women and children crowded so that I could scarcely get a breath. The morning was hot and close and the position for a time not enviable. A teacher will go daily. Settling a few things for her future help, we read and talked and sang. Nothing else quiets a noisy group so soon, by arresting the attention of all, as a native air set to Christian words. I sat near a partly open door, and was conscious some one was standing inside ; when a little at liberty, I turned and saw a sweet-faced young woman and a little girl. The woman was dressed in a clean white saree, and arms, neck, ears and nose were adorned with jewels. When I spoke first she was startled and retreated a few steps, but soon came back and I had a pleasant talk with her. A young brother of her husband came to me and said she was anxious to learn, but her husband being away, she dared not say so. I hope both she and the child may be allowed.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Privileges are Ours.

IT cannot be denied that special privileges belong to our Society, that constitute a *heritage* for which we may give thanks with generous and grateful joy.

Its inception and growth was the first ray in the horizon on this western shore to tell that a morning had dawned on woman's work for woman, a morning that could never move backward, but must mount up to perfect day.

And then our blessed bond of "UNION!" Seldom was this principle of Christian missions more needed than now, or more imperatively demanded by intelligent and newly awakened minds in heathen lands. We have not to spend our thoughts, time, means, in fortifying the shifting boundaries of human belief and doctrines; for while as individuals we belong to all the different and most prized forms of church faith, yet there is one place even here on earth where, all differences laid aside, we may meet and labor together to extend the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ to weary women's hearts and lives, even to the ends of the earth and the islands of the sea. That sacred place is our "WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY." Shall such a work not be prized, honored, loved and liberally supported? W.

"Inasmuch."

BY S. F. GARDNER, OF CALCUTTA.

I RECEIVED from some friend at home a little book of poems, from one of which I drew much comfort.

It was entitled "INASMUCH," and told of one who had labored all day, trying to do something for the Master, but when the

day was done his aims all seemed missed, and the faith and hope with which he had tried to grapple with his tasks in the early morning seemed faint and dead, as night approached. But in the midnight as he moaned his lack of power, a vision came to him sweet and comforting and said :

“ Thy work undone, I take as though
Wrought to completion;
And inasmuch as thou hast brought
Thy draught of water deemed so small,
And inasmuch as at my call,
Thou didst the work thou hadst not sought
As double deeds wrought and unwrought,
I, needing none, accept them all.”

Let us take heart, dear friends, you at home and we out here, who are striving *together* for the faith of the Gospel, and if sometimes we get heavy hearted at the magnitude of the work and our own feebleness, let us remember that He will take our work, yea rather *His* work, and carry it and us on to perfection.

Dolls Wanted.

MISS HOOK, one of our missionaries at Calcutta, says, in regard to dolls sent by our Bands, that China heads, hands and feet are preferred, with black hair. Two or three large dolls, twenty or twenty-two inches, with clothes to come off will be good for prizes.

About eighteen dolls, eighteen inches long, and twelve, ten, eight and six inches do nicely for smaller children, and if the clothes are sewed *on the doll* neatly, it will do. Neither composition, or jointed dolls, or those with leather hands and feet, are at all liked.

This is for Calcutta, where there are 1,150 children in our schools.

Hadn't it Better be in Circulation?

BY REV. JAMES M. GRAY, BOSTON, MASS.

KATIE is a quaint old maiden lady living up in the part of the country where we spend our vacation, a record of whose sayings and doings would be very interesting reading. She is a Christian, and, considering her religious advantages, an unusually intelligent and devout Christian. Many an agreeable conversation have we had with her touching the "best things." Last season she learned we had a Zenana Band in our church in Boston, the cost of membership in which was but fifty cents a year, and she desired to become a member. She had been saving up her pennies for such an object a long time—she had now about sixty cents in store—and she hailed with joy this opportunity to apply it, as she had long wished, for the extension of the Master's kingdom on the foreign field. When we learned that, although she had saved this money, poverty had denied her *fresh meat as an article of diet for a whole year*, we at first hesitated about receiving it, but the spiritual finally overcame the carnal in us, and we rejoiced to be the vehicle for conveying such a treasure in the Lord's name to those who, in a sadder sense, were more destitute than she.

This year when we called upon her she was ready with her offering again. Out came the little paste-board box, which, with one or two scientific shakes, unloaded its valuable contents upon the wooden chair—in all sixty-eight cents.

"There," said Katie, "please give that for Foreign Missions to the lady who wrote me such a nice letter last year."

"But," objected we (knowing what a struggle she had to gather so many pennies together), "had we not better take only the fifty cents, the actual cost of membership in the Society, and leave you the remaining eighteen as a kind of nest egg for next year?"

A pause of a few seconds, a very earnest, thoughtful look, and then, with much solemnity, mingled with an "air of business" that would have been irrepressibly laughable under different circumstances, she replied, "Hadn't it better be in circulation?"

We could not smile, much as the old man within us tried to have us do so. The ludicrousness of the remark faded out in the childlikeness, and yet sublimity, of this woman's faith, and with reverent fingers we lifted up the offering and placed it in a receptacle separated from other coin.

"Hadn't it better be in circulation?" This is the question which, in God's name, we would like to lay upon the consciences of our wealthy church members to-day. What Christian was that who, in explanation of his course in distributing his money, said, "It were a shame for a child of God to die rich"?

And is it not a shame? How can professing Christians be justified in laying up treasures upon earth when the cause of Him who made and redeemed them is in need of that silver and gold which are His? How can even the generous charitable and religious bequests of a testator atone for the neglect, the want of faith of a lifetime, in their application to those same objects? He gives twice who gives quickly. There is a strengthening conviction in the minds of thoughtful men that we are now living in a crisis of the world's history; in what Edmund Burke once called, "a perilous and dancing balance."

In a human sense, the destiny of the world lies to-day in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon race. The destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race lies in the hands of those who profess and call themselves Christians. The mightiest material force which these can wield is that of wealth. In the coffers of our rich church members at this moment is the latent power which can put in exercise the influence that is to regenerate the world. We echo Katie's question, "Hadn't it better be in circulation?"

Beautiful Interchange.

A UNIQUE collection of distinctively Japanese articles of the most dainty yet simple kind was recently shown in the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. It represented the gifts and handiwork of native Christian girls of two villages in JAPAN. One box came as a thank-offering to the pastor's wife and her band of young ladies for their gift more than a year ago of a Mason & Hamlin organ to a native church, which though not rich itself yet gives much to less favored native churches. The other box came from the Christian girls of another village, who, hearing of the busy hands of their sisters, sent what proved popular articles, asking that they be sold to help start a Christian school for little children after Kinder Garten style. Mrs. McLeod and her young ladies offered all for sale, doing without their sweet love-tokens that they might turn all into money and send it back to help those young girls in Japan, swell the tide of song in some poorer church, and in the voices of little children.

W.

Words of Cheer.

THE following is from a country parsonage in Ohio, accompanying a gift for the treasury. "I send herewith a small donation towards Miss Lathrop's work in Allahabad. I have a deep undying interest in the work there, and I still wish to do what I can to help. These small gifts are only thank offerings for the privilege of once being one of the active workers there. May God bless those who still remain and who are doing a noble work among those dear women and children. I deeply regret our being unable to return to India and to engage in the work we love. * * We submit to God's will ; knowing He doeth all things well, and are thankful we have health to work here at home."

A FRIEND IN MISSOURI WRITES:—"Some years ago the evening mail brought me a small package, and opening it, I read Mrs. ——— is made a Life Member of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, I said, 'I can never do anything for foreign missions with so much home mission work all around us.' But as the years went by, I learned to see more clearly that 'These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.' I have always kept up an interest in the work of the Union Society, and when more than a year ago Miss Higby, formerly a missionary of that Society, sat by my fireside and talked lovingly of your work, I write and tell you that to your Society I attribute much of my interest in woman's work for woman."

One Who Loved Our Society.

ALTHOUGH the opening of a new year is ever associated with anticipation, to the thoughtful who are working for eternity, it becomes also a season of retrospection when we count the privileges and losses of a twelvemonth. Thus many thoughts come to us, as we dwell on the finished life of

MR. SAMUEL E. WARNER,

one of the strongest and most devoted friends of our Society.

From the day this particular form of mission work was suggested, the cause was dear to his heart, and ever commanded his warmest sympathy and influence.

In the early days of our work, how warm was our welcome to his own editorial room at the "American Tract Society," where wise suggestions were made from his wide experience.

How often was his voice heard in our public meetings, presenting our reports, or speaking words bearing the ring of hope and belief in our success! Nor did he ever forget us in his addresses at the monthly concert for foreign missions, held in his own church, but to the close of his useful and crowded life his loyal love was unswerving and unabated.

We have lost a "tower of strength" and a friend whose lofty purpose and purity of character made his friendship a benediction.

S.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

A Poor Little Mamma !

BY MISS LATHROP.

WE have many pupils in Zenanas who were once in the Allahabad school. One of the latest to take up the cares and responsibilities of Zenana life is "KIRON," a girl of thirteen. She came to school until her marriage a few months ago, and now one of our ladies teaches her in her new home. Her husband was a widower, with a boy fourteen years old and a girl of ten or twelve years, both learning with us, but not allowed to come to our school. The girl is very disorderly, her clothes always awry and her hair standing out like a brush ! Kiron is, in appearance, the reverse. I never saw her with soiled clothes or uncombed hair. Last week when the lady went to teach the two, Kiron came first, looking neat as ever, and soon the little daughter followed, in her usual state. Kiron looked up from her book and said, in a distressed tone, "Do look at that child ; twice I have brushed her hair and arranged her dress, but it does *no good !*"

The teacher could scarce repress a smile at the serious words and expression of face, but at heart she felt very sad that thus early, care and anxiety had come to one she had so lately known only as full of the careless joyousness of child-life.

Afraid of Touch.

BY MISS LESLIE.

I VISIT an old woman who, when I leave, is careful not to let the water-carrier step on the mat, where I have been seated, lest the water should be polluted,

but it is not often, children, share such fears. Let me tell you of one young child who did share just such foolish superstition. She cannot be more than seven or eight years old; she is a dear little girl and I love her. We have an interesting little paper called the *Children's Friend*, which we try to get the mothers and children to buy—four papers for *one pice*. His little child's sister once bought some of these papers, then I turned and asked her if she did not want some; she shook her head most solemnly and said, "No." Her sister afterward told me that she was saving her pice to buy a hymn book. They each receive a pice a month. I would willingly have given her one paper, but it is best to let them buy. After a while she bought a Catechism. Surely the child must love the book, to buy it in this way. Is not this encouraging?

Once during one of my visits in winter, one of the sisters came to me with her warm jacket on; this little mite noticed it and whispered to her other sisters about it. It appears that she ought to have taken it off before approaching me. Yesterday, after we had our Bible lesson, I gave her some writing to do on her slate, while I took her older sister in other lessons. After she was through writing, I asked her to look over her lesson. While thus engaged she suddenly jumped off the bed where she was seated; she was not feeling very well, but quite determined to have a lesson. I feared that she was giddy and advised her to lie down, but as she did not, I begged her to go into one of the inner rooms. She went a little way and then stood still. I thought perhaps she was feeling faint and wanted to throw water on her face. But what do think was the reason for not going further? She wanted to change her clothes. How could she go

in to the family with the clothes she had worn when seated by me, and that touched me!

This little incident draws out my heart more than ever to the little one, and helped me to realize how great her need of help out of the dreadful superstition of caste.—*Communicated by Philadelphia Branch.*

The Little Messenger.

BY M. PORTER.

SOME years ago a little girl in the south of India was left an orphan, her father and mother both dying before she was eight years of age.

A missionary and his wife felt very sorry for the poor little girl, and took her into their school, where she was well cared for and taught. She learned to read and to repeat a number of verses from the Scriptures, and, also, many Christian hymns.

After a time she left the school and went to live with a good Christian woman. As she grew older she began to think what wonderful words there were in the Bible.

When she saw other children do wrong things, or heard them say bad words, she would wish that they knew the holy commandments and precious sayings of Jesus Christ. She thought she would learn some, and then, as His little messenger, would try and take these blessed words to those who had never heard them. She prayed, "O Lord, give me understanding that I may keep Thy precepts."

One day as she was going along the streets into the bazaar, she heard some girls laughing and talking about how they had cheated a poor woman who was selling sweetmeats, and one girl said, "I took plenty, but she did not see me."

"Ay," said the other, "so did I; it is fun to think she does not know, and never will;" and they laughed again to think how they had cheated the poor woman.

So then the "little messenger" went close to them and said, "I have a message for you two."

"Heigh-ho!" said they. "Who are *you*, and what message have you for *us*?"

"Just this—'Thou shalt *not* steal.'"

"Who sends that message?"

"The great God, who is the King of kings. He says, 'Thou shalt *not* steal;' and it is a great sin you have committed in stealing from a poor woman."

"But how will He know that we did steal—could He see us?"

"Yes; 'the eyes of the Lord are in *every* place, beholding the *evil* and the *good*.'"

"But *our* god would not be angry because we stole!"

"No, Krishna, the god you worship, was a thief, so would not say it was a sin to steal; but he is *no* god; there is only one living and true God, and one loving good Saviour, Jesus Christ, who can save us from sin. But I have told you my message and must ask you to think of it, until I see you another day."

So the little messenger delivered her message for *that* day.—*Selected.*

HELPERS AT CROWN POINT.—A Sunday-school was organized last summer at Crown Point, N. Y., in a little stone school-house on the top of a hill. Although young and feeble, a lady who is a Life member of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, began to talk and read of our work in foreign lands. When the time came for making the first appropriation of their offerings, the object to which they should be devoted was put to vote, and the result was, six dollars handed over to the treasurer.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Martha Smith, Winfield, Kas.

Sallie Kemper Harvey, Hannah Louise Monfort, Mary Este Monfort, by Shining Lights Band, Cincinnati, O.

Miss Mary Nichols, Mrs. Thomas Lovejoy, Mrs. D. B. Cluff, Mrs. Daniel Foster, by Haverhill Zenana Society, Massachusetts.

NEW LEAFLETS.

No. 88—The Royal Sisters, by Miss Gardner.....per dozen, 25c.

No. 89—Hadn't it Better be in Circulation? by Rev. James M. Gray.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ARTICLES RECEIVED.

Roll of linen from Mrs. Hagan, Irvington, N. Y.

Twelve dolls—Twenty Minute Society, Elizabeth, N. J.

Three knit horse reins, Mrs. Vander Poel, N. Y.

Thirty dolls, "Lend a Hand Band" of the Working Girls' Association of Second Avenue, New York.

Eleven jarmars, ladies of Reformed Church, Knox, N. Y.

For Miss Gardner, box of spools, thimbles, scissors, scrap books, etc., Philadelphia; no letter.

Two pillow shams, splasher, three twine bags, two umbrella cases; Mrs. Le Conte, Washington, D. C.

Basted patch-work for Japan; a little girl in Fairport, N. Y.

Two patch-work quilts, almost the last work of a mother in Israel when nearly eighty years of age, for the little widows in India; Pottstown, Pa.

Album and mittens for Kaku Sudo; Port Henry Band.

Patterns and cards for Shanghai; Mrs. Halliday, Brooklyn.

Scrap-book for Margaret Williamson Hospital; Miss Trevors, Yonkers, N. Y.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society from
Oct. 1st to Dec. 1st, 1887.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, Concord Branch, Mrs.
H. W. Stevens, Treas., . . . \$60 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Branch, Mrs.
Henry Johnson, Treas. (see
items below), . . . \$321 00
Northfield, "Bug Association,"
Miss Elsie Duncan, Treas.,
proceeds of Fair held by
the boys and girls of North-
field, for Miss Gardner's
school in Calcutta, . . . 60 00
Wellesley, Mrs. C. A. Ransom,
annual subscription, . . . 5 00
\$386 00

CONNECTICUT.

Canton Centre, Mrs. E. E. Robin-
son, annual subscription, . . \$ 20 00
East Hartland, Mrs. Lydia Hard-
ing, donation and LINK, . . 1 00
New Haven, Mrs. E. H. Talcott,
donation and LINK, . . . 2 00
\$ 23 00

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch, Mrs.
Fred. Townsend, Treas. (see
items below), . . . \$267 00
Brooklyn, Miss Racillia B. An-
derson, annual subscription, . 20 00
Coldspring, Hillside Band, per
Miss Augusta P. Wilson, for
Miss Ward's work, . . . 28 00
Corona, Ladies' Bible Class of
Union Evangelical Church
for picture of Katsu Shor-
inda, 6; donation from classes
in S. S. for Katsu personally
2.53, to be sent to Mrs. Viele,
Yokohama, . . . 8 53
Corona Auxiliary, with Leverich
Memorial Band, Miss Julia
Burroughs, Treas., for Mine
Shimridzu, Japan, . . . 10 00
Dobb's Ferry, Gardner Band, per
Miss M. Alice McComb, for
two scholarships in the new
school under Miss Gardner
100; LINK and leaflets, 1, . . 101 00
Irvington, Mrs. John T. Terry,
collections by Mrs. Washing-
ton Choate and herself, for
Alice, in Calcutta, and for Ze-
nana work, . . . 220 00
Ithaca, Ladies of Ithaca, per Miss
J. L. Hardy, from Presbyter-
ian church 35; Mrs. J. H. Selk-

veg 5; and Mrs. C. B. Wood
for LINK, 50, . . . \$40 50
Livonia, Mrs. Wm. Calvert,
donation and LINK, . . . 5 00
New York, a Friend, for scholar-
ship in Miss Gardner's school,
Calcutta, . . . 25 00
Miss J. A. Hyde, . . . 1 00
Through Miss E. A. Dean, from
two friends, members of
First Reformed Episcopal
Church, for Dr. Reifsnyder's
work in Shanghai, . . . 20 00
Church of the Holy Trinity,
Mrs. Henry Bullington,
Treas., for Fanny Tyng
scholarship in Calcutta, . . 30 00
Port Henry, Band of Hope, Miss
M. Grace Palmer, Pres., to-
wards support of Kaku, in
Japan, . . . 39 00
Poughkeepsie, "Golden Rule Mis-
sion Band," Linden Hall,
Mrs. Samuel W. Buck, Pres.,
for Munza, in Calcutta, . . 30 00
Schenectady, Mrs. Irving Losee,
annual subscription, . . . 5 00
Sing Sing, "Hearts and Hands for
Jesus" Band, Miss Carrie
McCord, Treas., per Miss
Mary S. Stone, for Kashidori
School, Japan, . . . 28 00
Sing Sing, Walter L. Johnson,
for Ragged School in Shang-
hai, . . . 50
Syracuse, Miss Elizabeth M.
Townsend, for Lizzie, in
Calcutta Orphanage, . . . 30 00
\$908 53

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth, "Twenty Minute So-
ciety" of St. John's Church
per Miss Mary Brittin, for
support of Sarah Clark in
Calcutta, . . . \$ 30 00
Hackensack, Chase Band of Sec-
ond Reformed Church, per
Mrs. W. Williams, . . . 20 00
Newark, Newark Aux., Mrs. E.
D. G. Smith, Treas. (see
items below) . . . 349 10
A Friend, Thank Offering, for
Margaret Williamson Hospi-
tal, . . . 10 00
"In Memoriam—29th October,"
Newton, Byington Memorial
Band, Miss Annie M. Johnson,
Sec., for Zenana work in In-
dia, . . . 20 00
Paterson, Miss J. Redman, . . 5 00
Plainfield, Misses Annie, Mary
and Laura Boorman, annual
subscription, . . . 30 00

Princeton, Princeton Branch, Miss Ellen L. A. Brown, Treas., 100; also from Mrs. David Brown for Miss East- on's support, 300; and from "A Friend to Missions" for a bed and bedding in the Margaret Williamson Hos- pital, Shanghai, 600, . . .	\$1,000 00
South Orange, through Foreign Mission Committee of Re- formed Episcopal Church, Rev. A. M. Morrison, Secre- tary, for mission work in Cawnpore: Cawnpore Band, Emmanuel Church, Newark, N. J., Rev. E. B. England, per Miss E. A. Gore, President, 25; Sunday School Christ Memori- al Church, Philadelphia, Rev. Thomas Griffith, per M. G. Garrigues, Treasurer, 25, . . .	50 00
Trenton, Miss Mary H. Fisk, for Mamie Fisk, Japan, . . .	6 00
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	\$1,530 10

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch, Miss C. Remington, Treas., for salary of Dr. Reifsnyder, . . .	\$125 00
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Branch, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Treas., of which for Zenana work 15; from Miss F. Marshall, for child in Calcutta, 30; Law- renceville Torch Bearers, for girl in Japan, 50; Mrs. F. R. Brunot, annual subscription, 100; Katie Ondry Band, for Calcutta Orphanage, 16 50 (items in annual report), . . .	211 50
Pottstown, Mrs. N. P. Hobart, donation, . . .	1 00
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	\$337 50

DELAWARE.

New Castle, per Mrs. S. W. Spotswood, from Mrs. A. C. Gray, for Hospital at Shang- hai, . . .	\$ 10 00
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MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Miss Annie R. See- vers, Home of the Friendless, for Miss McKechnie's use at Christmas, . . .	\$ 2 00
Glyndon, "Dr. Charity," for sup- port of Chinese baby, 3.19; for uses of society, 4.21, . . .	8 40
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	\$ 10 40

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Mrs. H. Le Conte, donation and LINK, . . .	\$ 5 00
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OHIO.

Cincinnati, Cincinnati Branch, Mrs. M. M. White, Treas. (see items below), . . .	\$124 00
Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. S. E. Jenkins, for LINK and leaflets, . . .	1 50
Saybrook, Mrs. D. H. Lee, a thank Offering, for Miss La- throp's work at Allahabad, . . .	3 00
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	\$128 50

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Kentucky Branch, Mrs. S. J. Look, Treas. (see items below), . . .	\$47 24
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ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Chicago Branch, Mrs. P. A. Avery, Treas. (see items below), . . .	196 50
Rockford, Argonaut Society, per Mrs. R. Emerson, for Miss Lathrop's use in Allahabad Mission, . . .	100 00
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	\$296 50

MICHIGAN.

Jonesville, Mrs. O. E. Grosvenor, annual subscription and LINK, . . .	\$5 00
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IOWA.

Independence, Miss Carlie E. Lathrop, for Miss Lathrop's work in Allahabad, . . .	\$5 00
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MISSOURI.

Clinton, Mrs. E. L. Foote, dona- tion and leaflets, . . .	80
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CALIFORNIA.

Pasadena, Mrs. F. H. Burdick, from the Ladies' Union Prayer Meeting, per Mrs. R. R. Proudfit, for work in Japan, . . .	\$100 00
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ENGLAND.

Devonshire, Mrs. Louisa S. Free- man, annual subscription and LINK, . . .	\$25 50
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SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

Subscriptions to MISSIONARY LINK —Miss M. E. Westfall, 2.50; Mrs. H. C. Wood, 2; Mrs. W. G. Lyon, 3.50; smaller sub- scriptions, 19.34, . . .	\$27 34
Leaflets, . . .	3 58
Sales of Kardoo, . . .	1 98
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	\$32 90

Received in Oct. and Nov. to- wards purchase of statue, "Agnus Dei" (see list below)	\$517 81
Total receipts from Oct. 1st to Dec. 1st, 1887, . . .	\$4,429 78

MRS. J. E. JOHNSON
Ass't Treas.

*Received towards purchase of "Agnus Dei" and
for Medical Mission Work.*

Boston, Mass., Boston Branch, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas., a Friend, through Mrs. Ed- ward Crosby,	\$3 00	Also through Mrs. Vander- poel,	\$2 00
Newport, R. I., Mr. Herrick, through Mrs. E. D. W. Thayer,	5 00	Mrs. T. D. Bradford, col- lected,	10 00
Providence, Mrs. Timothy R. Green, from Miss Benedict, 1; Mrs. W. C. Green, 1; Mrs. Marshall Woods, 5; Mrs., T. R. Green, 2; Miss Green, 1	10 00	Poughkeepsie, Poughkeepsie Auxiliary, per Mrs. H. V. Pelton,	20 00
Bethel, Ct., Mrs. Sarah A. Hic- kok,	25 00	Cranford, N. J., Mrs. N. R. Park, from a Friend,	1 00
New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter, from Mrs. Dr. Crane, 2; Mrs. J. Wm. Wheeler, 1; Mrs. Thomas Wells, 5,	8 00	Deans, Miss Margaret N. Cobb, 2.50; and Miss Dora R. Cushman, Franklin Park, from Mrs. Mary J. Hoag- land, .50; Mr. A. T. Thomas, .50; Miss Annie Voorhees, .50; Mr. Edwin B. Clark, .50; Miss Dora R. Cushman, .50; Mrs. V. E. Farmer, .50,	5 50
South Norwalk, Mrs. J. J. Cape, per Mrs. Southmayd,	5 00	Montclair, raised by the "A. B. C. Method," through Mrs. W. S. Mikels,	56 00
Albany, N. Y., per Mrs. J. Van Schoonhoven, Miss E. D. Sumner, Class 26 of Sunday School of 1st Reformed Church,	3 50	Morristown, per Mrs. Edgar F. Randolph, Miss H. Penning- ton, Mr. L. Pennington, Miss Mary Hayes, Mrs. A. Erd- man, Mrs. M. C. Sutphen, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred. W. Downer,	3 50
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Miss S. D. De Witt, from Ladies' Missionary Associa- tion of Madison Ave. Reform- ed Church, 15.50; and from four Friends, 2,	17 50	Newark, Mrs. Wm. H. Van Wage- nen,	50
Per Miss R. M. Waddell, from Mrs. B. W. Arnold, 5.50; S. S. Class in fourth Presbyterian Church, 4; Mr. B. W. John- son, 2.50; Mrs. George Cleve- land, 2; Mrs. R. W. Thacher, 1; Mrs. W. N. Kennedy, .50; Miss N. Kennedy, .50; Miss F. Waddell, .50; Miss Ida Carroll, .50; Mr. D. S. Kellogg, .50; Bert Waddell, .50; Miss R. M. Waddell, 2,	20 00	Plainfield, Miss M. M. McKis- sack and friends,	6 00
Brooklyn, raised by the "A. B. C. method," through Miss E. W. Beers,	94 10	Princeton, Princeton Branch, Mrs. A. Guyot, Secy., from Prof. Allen Marquand for ex- penses of removing statue, 11.06; Mrs. Charles Aiken, 2; Mrs. G. A. Matile, 1; Mrs. Paxson, 1; Miss E. B. Clarke, 1,	16 06
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Through Miss E. A. Dean; Mrs. Robert Shell, 1; Mrs. Terry, .50; Miss H. Tabor, 1; Miss B. Smiley, .50; Mrs. Van- depoel, 1; Mrs. Smith, .50; Mrs. A. B. King, 1; Mrs. Wheelwright, .50; Mrs. Ford, 1; Mrs. R. Keith, .50; Miss Brown, 1; Miss F. Dean, .50; Mrs. A. M. Pentz, 1; A Friend, 40,	50 00	Mt. Pleasant, O., Mrs. S. E. Jen- kins and Miss Elizabeth Jen- kins,	3 50

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sale of photographs of
"Agnus Dei," 11; Mrs. An-
drews, .50; Mrs. Van Doren,
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Mrs. and Miss Hinchcliff, . . . 1 00
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Friend, 10 00
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The following list was omitted from the November LINK, though the amount was acknowledged.

By Mrs. J. A. Sproull, Passaic,
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Mrs. Phebe Pruden, 1; Mrs.
Geo. Denholm, 1; Mrs. J. C.
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2; Mr. J. A. Sproull, 1; Mrs.
Valentine Hussey, .50; Anita
L. Herrick, .50; Mrs. E. P. Her-
rick, Southampton, L. I., .50;
Mrs. R. E. Topping, Water
Mills, N. Y., .50. Total, \$10 00

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Margaret Williamson Hospi-
tal, at Shanghai, 100; for
school at Bassein, Burmah,
under Miss Higby, 75; for
Miss Higby's personal use,
25; for support of Eleanor, in
Bassein, 40, . . . \$240 00
Miss M. L. Richardson, for little
Martha, with Mrs. Viele, in
Yokohama, . . . 40 00
Mrs. M. C. Winthrop, Cambridge,
for LINK, . . . 1 00
Bridgewater Zenana Band, Miss

Sarah Y. De Normandie,
Treas., for school in Cawn-
pore, 40 00
\$321 00
Also for "Agnus Dei," elsewhere
acknowledged, 3; and from
Mrs. Mitchell, to be held in
trust, \$1,000, additional.

MRS. HENRY JOHNSON,

Treas.

RECEIPTS of the Albany Branch for September, October and November, 1887.

Annual contribution from Mrs.
Leander Stickney, . . . \$10 00
Annual contribution from Mrs. S.
R. Gray, . . . 5 00
From Mrs. Catharine Smith, for
the support of "Katie and
Sarah Savage Smith," in the
"Home" at Yokohama (2d
payment), . . . 25 00
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Worthington La Grange, . . 10 00
Annual contribution from Miss
Marvin, . . . 1 00
Annual contribution from Miss R.
M. Waddell, . . . 4 00
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W. M. Kennedy, . . . 4 00
Annual contribution from Mrs. J.
Townsend Lansing, . . . 10 00
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sing, . . . 10 00
Annual contribution from Mrs. C.
B. Lansing, . . . 10 00
Annual contribution from Miss
Abby S. Lansing, . . . 5 00
Collection from ladies of First
Reformed Church, by Mrs. E.
Phillips, . . . 46 00

Annual contribution from Mrs.
Robert Strain, . . . \$20 00
Annual contribution from Miss
D. M. Douw, . . . 25 00
Annual contribution from Mrs.
Frederick Townsend, . . . 20 00
Annual contribution from Miss
Roberts, for "Ellen's Band,"
"in Memoriam," . . . 20 00
Annual contribution from Mrs.
Le Grand Bancroft, . . . 3 00
Annual contribution from Mrs.
Eli Perry, through Mrs. Ban-
croft, . . . 2 00
Annual contribution from Miss
S. Y. Lansing, . . . 10 00
Annual contribution from Mrs.
Geo. R. Shortiss, . . . 5 00
Annual contribution from Miss
Spelman, . . . 1 00
From Mrs. S. B. Griswold,
through Miss Spelman, . . 1 00
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Mabel Learned, . . . 20 00
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" Minnie Ivory,	1 00
" Halsey,	10 00
" Strong,	1 00
" Johnson,	5 00
" S. Wallace,	10 00
Mrs. Theo. Coe,	2 00
	<u>\$44 00</u>
By Mrs. E. F. Dorrance:	
Infant Class,	\$50 00
Amount for LINKS,	9 60
Second Presbyterian Church, by	

Mrs. C. S. Graham and Mrs. J. Ward,	\$30 00
By Mrs. R. B. Elder, Jay Street Chapel of Second Presbyterian Church, "Little Leaf Blades,"	30 00
North Reformed Church, by Miss J. W. Abeel,	143 00
By Mrs. Avery, of Woodside,	20 50
By Miss J. W. Abeel, from old friends of the Fannie Meeker Band,	10 00
And from other subscribers,	12 00
	<u>\$349 10</u>

MRS. E. D. G. SMITH,

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Lida McKeenan,	30 00
Balance on Miss McKechnie's salary,	9 00
Special gift from the Branch for Miss McKechnie to expend in her work in the Margaret Williamson Hospital,	25 00
	<u>\$124 00</u>

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Mrs. Wm. P. Anderson,	\$5 00
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" Frank Wilson,	1 00
" Larz Anderson, Jr.,	2 00
" N. H. McLean,	1 00
" Wm. F. Thorne,	1 00
" James Cullen,	1 00
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Treasurer.

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Olive Branch contribution from Mrs. M. E. Crutcher,	8 00

Postage for LINK,	10
	<u>\$47 24</u>
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Treas.

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" Neahr, for LINK,	50

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Mrs. O. C. Ely, . . .	5 00
Sunday School of the 2d Presby-	

terian Church, for the Mary Merriman Memorial School at Cawnpore, . . . \$60 00
Also for "Agnus Dei," elsewhere acknowledged, \$13.50.

\$196 50

MRS. O. F. AVERY,

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Interest from H. Hollond Fund, . . .	\$490 00
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\$108 51

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Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer, per Margaret Bucknell Band, for support of Sallie K. Crozer in Calcutta Orphanage, . . . 20 00

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" Brockie, . . .	2 00
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" Holloway, . . .	1 00
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Miss Mitchell, . . .	1 00

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\$53 00

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